

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Wednesday, 15 August 2018
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, Eric Stange and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from July 10, 2018. Approved with edits.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Letter of appreciation from Arlington Historical Society regarding recent grant application to fund the restoration of the Jason Russell House.
 - b. Communication regarding porch work and height of railing for 73 Jason Street.
 - c. Sign off requests were received for 119 Charlton Street and 65 Lake Street. These properties are not on the Inventory and a sign off was sent to the Building Department.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- No report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- No report.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)-. No report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Meetings to start again in September.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – No report.

Historical Commission FY 2018 Budget- Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- No report.
 - c. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - d. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - e. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1 year demolition delay.
 - f. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- No report.
 - g. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- No report.
 - h. 99 Claremont Avenue 2/18-Guthrie- No report.
 - i. 36 Draper Avenue 4/18- Schaefer- No report.
 - j. 96 Jason Street added tonight 5/18- Schaefer- No report.
 - k. 32 Kensington Road added tonight 5/18- Guthrie- No report.
 - l. Old Schwamb Mill 6/18-Guthrie- No report.
 - m. 451 Massachusetts Avenue- 6/18-Schaefer- Signage- No report.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- No report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –No report.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – No report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Inquiries for markers. Need to follow up.
- e. Town Hall: No report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Continued Hearing for 81 Hillside Avenue. Presenter: David Levy and representative from Marvin Windows.

This hearing focused on the window replacement options available from Marvin Windows. The Commissioners heard from Mr. Levy that the Marvin wood insert would not fit the existing opening. The type of insert that will fit only comes with an aluminum frame on the outside (a sample was shared).

Commissioner Meister made a motion to approve the planned replacement in a dark color with a wooden sash on the outside that could be painted. Commissioner Stange seconded the motion. A discussion followed regarding a gap between the window and its frame that these windows have that the originally proposed wood replacement windows do not have. Also the owner expressed a preference for aluminum cladding, which would ensure a uniform color and eliminate the need for frequent painting.

The motion was modified to approve the planned replacement with an aluminum clad sash. The owner will look into how to fill the gap with an aluminum frame. Four votes-yes, one vote-no, the motion passed.

This hearing will be continued on September 11, 2018 at 8:00pm.

Old Business:

New Business:

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:32pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be September 11, 2018 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.